

Ghana Country Update

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Country Background

Country Context

	Female Adult (15+)	Male Adult (15+)	Total
1st 95	74	53	65%
2nd 95	71	65	69%
3rd 95	90	87	89%
	Female	Male	Total
HIV Prevalence	2.02	1.04	1.53
HIV Incidence	0.12	0.06	0.09

Priority Sub-populations

Sub population	Prevalence	n	%
MSM	26.1%	47,757	43%
TG	48%	2,945	3%
FSW	4.6%	60,049	54%
Total (N)		110,751	100

Country Background: Country Testing Model Mix (April 2023-March 2024)

Testing Approach	Testing Volume	%
INDEX TEST	21,013	1.4%
STI	12,142	0.8%
HR MEN	12,232	0.8%
MSM	16,431	1.1%
FSW	27,930	1.8%
PRISONERS	105	0.01%
PWID	84	0.01%
TB	7,176	0.5%
ANC	776,088	50.9%
OTHERS	65,2051	42.8%
TOTAL	1,525,252	100%

Progress on implementing 2023 action plans: 3-4 activities where progress was achieved

Domain	Activity	Progress made by March 31, 2024
Clinical Services: Move from red to at least orange on Quality of testing services by April 2023	Develop standards and indicators on quality of testing services	Standards and indicators developed
Clinical Services: Move from red to at least orange on Quality of testing services by April 2023	Conduct service quality assessment to facilities providing HTS	HTS Quality assessments conducted in 194 facilities in 9 Regions
Monitoring and Evaluation: Move from orange to at least light green by December 2023	Revise, pilot and finalize National HTS Register	Being piloted in GAR. To be completed by December '24

Progress on implementing 2023 action plans: 2-3 activities where progress/implementation has delayed

Domain	Activities Prioritized	Reasons For Implementation Delay	Plans For Remediation
Effective engagement and oversight of private sector dHTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage private sector on dHTS Orient private health facilities in dHTS Set testing targets for the private facilities 	Funding	Solicit funding from WHO to carry out this activity
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with HEFRA and DHMTs to enforce implementation 		
Monitoring and Evaluation	Train service providers on the new HTS Register	Draft Register is now being piloted	The training will be done after the final register is printed by December 2024

Ghana dHTS CMM – 2024

Policy: Strategic Model Mix			Scale-up Plan	
Policy: Linkage			M&E	Private Sector Engagement
Finance/Resource Allocation			Population Coverage	Linkage to Tx: Verification
Community Engagement	Policy: Optimizing HIV Testing?		Linkage to Tx: Timely Linkage	Impact: Knowledge of Status
Coordination	SOPs	Proficiency Testing	Linkage to Prevention	Impact: Linkage to Tx
dHTS Training	Procurement/Supply Chain	Clinical Services	EQA/IQC	Impact: Linkage to Prevention
Most mature domains			Least mature domains	

- 1) 9/22 (41%) of the domains were in the mature stage- Light green and Dark green
- 2) 11/22 (50%) of the domains were in the least mature stage- Orange and Red

Ghana dHTS CMM results – 2023 vs 2024

	Ghana	
	2023	2024
Policy: Strategic Model Mix	Dark Green	Dark Green
Policy: Optimizing HIV Testing	Light Green	Light Green
Policy: Linkage	Light Green	Dark Green
Finance/Resource Allocation	Dark Green	Dark Green
SOPs	Yellow	Light Green
Scale-up Plan	Orange	Orange
Community Engagement	Dark Green	Dark Green
Private Sector Engagement	Red	Red
Coordination	Dark Green	Dark Green
dHTS Training	Dark Green	Dark Green
M&E	Orange	Orange
Procurement/Supply Chain	Light Green	Light Green
Population Coverage	Light Green	Orange
Linkage to Tx: Timely Linkage	Orange	Orange
Linkage to Tx: Verification	Red	Red
Linkage to Prevention	Orange	Orange
EQA/IQC	Orange	Orange
Proficiency Testing	Light Green	Yellow
Clinical Services	Red	Yellow
Impact: Knowledge of Status	Red	Red
Impact: Linkage to Tx	Red	Red
Impact: Linkage to Prevention	Red	Red

Observations:

- **Improvement in policy: Linkage, SOPs and quality domain on clinical service**
 - Standards for time to linkage added to our national guidelines
 - Increased facility coverage of SOPs
 - Developed dHTS quality indicators used to track service quality
- **No improvements under the impact domains, M&E, scale-up plan, timely linkage and verification testing**
 - No plans to do verification testing
- **Population coverage score changed from light green to orange and proficiency testing also changed from a score of and light green to yellow**
 - Data on KPs was not available as at time of 2024 staging
 - PT is currently by facility and not individual testers

Key lessons learned over the past year – facilitators and barriers

Facilitators

- 1) Funding
- 2) Coordination
- 3) Stakeholder involvement

Barriers/Challenges

- 1) Funding
- 2) Bureaucratic bottle necks

Engagement with CQUIN and other stakeholders on dHTS

Activity	Organization	Form of support
dHTS Service Quality assessment indicators and tools development	CQUIN WHO	Technical Technical/financial
dHTS meeting-Nairobi	CQUIN	Financial

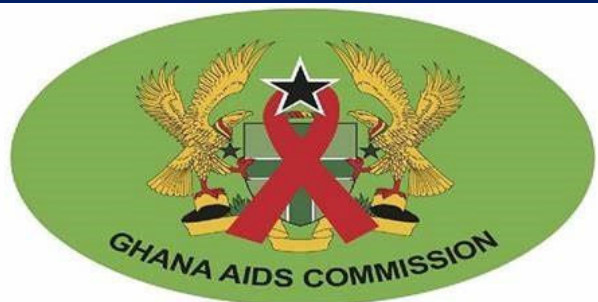
Ghana 2025 dHTS CMM priority activities and projected scores

Domain	2024	2025	Planned actions
Private Sector Engagement and Oversight	Red	Orange	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage private sector on dHTS Orient private health facilities in dHTS Conduct a stakeholder engagement with PPMED, Private facilities. HEFRA and TWG to set HTS targets for private facilities Involve Private facilities in proficiency testing sessions to improve quality of testing services Collaborate with private health facilities to orient their staff in the use of data collection and reporting tools
Impact domain: Data on knowledge of HIV status, linkage to treatment and linkage to prevention among key and other priority subpopulations	Red	Orange	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To seek technical support from the UNAIDS and engage IPs working with key and other subpopulations to strengthen data on the impact domains
M&E: Implementation and scale up plan	Orange	Light Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborate with JHPIEGO to accelerate the update of DSD Scale up plan Conduct a stakeholder's engagement to validate the plan for approval

Cross-learning topics of interest in 2024

Domain	Topic	Country
Linkage to care	Tracking time to linkage to care	CQUIN to recommend
Re-engagement in care	Welcome back package for clients who disengage from care	South Africa or Malawi

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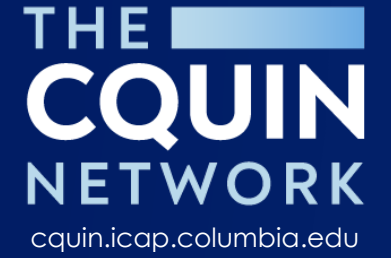


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